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Computer Investigations Unit

to: CITA Supervisor

fax#: 404-679-6296

re: Electronic Disturbance Theater (EDT)

date: 11/13/98

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comments: This group is threatening to launch an electronic attack against the School of America, Fort Benning, Georgia, on 11/22/98.

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Precedence: ROUTINE	Date:	1:/04/1998
To: New York		
From: New York		
Approved By:		
Drafted By:		
Case ID #: 288-NY-268557		b6
Title: Electronic Disturbance The	. t	b7C
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Synopsis: Request case to be opened betails: Case is predicated upon in	<del>-</del>	
Eastern District of	of Virginia. Subject	Ny ROOR
Electronic Disturbance Theater (ED)	1) is a group claimir	on its
Internet website to protest various	national and intern	g on res
policies through orchestrated attac	ks on computer syste	ms The
attacks employ a program called "F]	.oodNet" which causes	a denial
OI service to the target computer.	EDT's Internet webs	rite
solicits visitors to participate in	coordinated attacks	of a
computer system chosen by EDT. Par	ticipants simply cli	ck on the
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a unusually high rate. This activi	tv. when multiplied	by many
users, will cause service interrupt	ions and possibly cr	ash the
server computer unless early detect	ion is made and	
countermeasures are implemented. I	he visitors do not c	ontrol the
destination of the attack, rather i on the EDT's website.	t is programed into	the applet

The EDT claims that it designed the FloodNet program and has attacked computer systems owned by the government of Mexico, the Department of Defense and the German Stock Exchange.

To: New York From: New York

Re: 288-NY-, 11/04/1998

The following proprietors of EDT are believed to be New York University Graduate students located in New York, New York:

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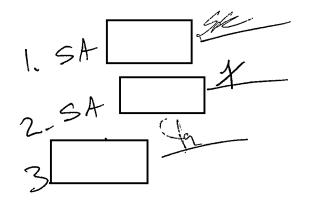
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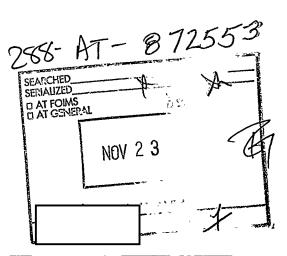
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SECURITY OFFICE.

SUBJECT: NIPC COMPUTER INTRUSION ALERT: ALLEGED ACTS OF

ELECTRONIC DISRUPTION TO TARGET THE U.S. ARMY'S SCHOOL OF THE

AMERICAS (SOA) ON NOVEMBER 22.

REFERENCE: DIRECTOR FBI WASHINGTON DC 090305Z SEP 98 (NOTAL),
CAPTIONED QUOTE ALLEGED ACTS OF ELECTRONIC DISRUPTION TO TARGET

· CERTAIN U.S., MEXICAN, AND GERMAN INTERNET-BASED SITES AND SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 9 THROUGH NOVEMBER 22, 1998, IN SYMPATHY WITH ZAPATISTA MOVEMENT UNQUOTE.

WARNING NOTICE: ALTHOUGH UNCLASSIFIED, THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD NOT BE FURNISHED TO THE MEDIA OR OTHER AGENCIES OUTSIDE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT/U.S. GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE FBI/NIPC. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF FBI COMMUNICATIONS COULD JEOPARDIZE ONGOING FBI INVESTIGATIONS.

- 1. AN ENTITY KNOWN AS THE QUOTE ELECTRONIC DISTURBANCE THEATER
  UNQUOTE (EDT), SYMPATHETIC TO THE ZAPATISTA MOVEMENT, HAS BEEN
  CALLING FOR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ACTION AT THE SCHOOL OF AMERICAS
  ON NOVEMBER 22. THIS IS THE LATEST ROUND OF ACTIONS CARRIED ON
  THE EDT'S PUBLICLY-ACCESSIBLE WEB SITE (HTTP://WWW.THING.NET/
  (TILDE) RDOM/ECD/NOVEMBER22.HTML). THE EDT CLAIMS ITS ACTIONS HAV
  BEEN PROMPTED BY THE SCHOOL'S INCREASING ROLE IN TRAINING T4E
  MEXICAN MILITARY SINCE THE JANUARY 1, 1994, ZAPATISTA UPRISING.
  THE EDT IS A GROUP CONSISTING OF ACTIVISTS WHO HAVE PRIMARILY
  TARGETED U.S. AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SITES IN SUPPORT OF MEXICO'S
  ZAPATISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY (EZLN).
- 2. THE EDT HAS A HISTORY OF CARRYING OUT ITS THREATS UTILIZING

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FLOODNET, A DENIAL-OF-SERVICE SOFTWARE TOOL, DESIGNED TO DISRUPT ACCESS TO TARGETED WEB SITES BY FLOODING THE HOST SERVER WITH REPEATED REQUESTS FOR THAT WEB PAGE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, FLOODNET USERS SIMPLY LEAVE THEIR BROWSERS OPEN, WHICH ALLOWS THE FLOODNET APPLET TO AUTOMATICALLY RELOAD A TARGET WEB PAGE EVERY FEW SECONDS. THIS TOOL ALSO ALLOWS THE USER TO POST HIS OWN MESSAGES ON THE TARGET WEB PAGE.

- 3. ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1998 THE EDT MOUNTED AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTACK ON A DOD WEB SITE USING FLOODNET. ON OCTOBER 5, 1998, THE GROUP SPONSORED A DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IN WASHINGTON D.C. THE GROUP STATED THAT IT WAS QUOTE PROTESTING THE FCC'S ROLE IN SUPPRESSING FREE SPEECH ON THE AIRWAVES UNQUOTE.
- 4. NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION CENTER (NIPC) COMMENT: THE EDT'S PAST ELECTRONIC CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ACTIONS HAVE SHOWN IT IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE ITS ANNOUNCED AGENDA. HOWEVER, BASED ON ITS PAST ACTIONS, THE EDT DOES NOT APPEAR TO POSSESS THE SOPHISTICATION AND ORGANIZATION TO POSE A SERIOUS, WELL-COORDINATED CYBER THREAT AT PRESENT. AT THE SAME TIME, ITS POLITICAL AGENDA HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL DUE TO THE MEDIA COVERAGE IT HAS RECEIVED.

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Precedence: ROUTINE	Date:	11/30/1998
To: Atlanta		
From: Atlanta Squad Contact:	]	
Approved By:		b6 b7С
Drafted By: :tbf		
Case ID #: 288-AT-87255 (Pending)		
Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S), AKA ELECTRONIC DISTURBANCE THEATER (EDT) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) CITA - DENIAL OF SERVICE/INTRUSION		
Synopsis: Alleged acts of electronic disrupt U.S. Army's School of the Americas (SOA).	ion to ta	rget the
268557 and she advised that EDT's Internet web	nt, had be of Americ ed on the TILDE) ctions had a ining Tale uprising rimarily of Mexico ut its the are tool, cooling the ge. To a ers open, eload a tes the use s contact rk file 2 osite soli s of a colick on the und publis	een calling as on EDT's  ve been E Mexican The EDT targeted 's  reats designed e host ccomplish which arget web r to post  ed by New 88-NY- cits mputer e FloodNet shed date
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and time. This icon then initiates a Java applet which repeatedly reloads files from a victim's computer system at a unusually high rate. This activity, when multiplied by many users, will cause service interruptions and possibly crash the server computer unless early detection is made and countermeasures are implemented. The visitors do not control the destination of the attack, rather it is programed into the applet on the EDT's website.

The EDT claims that it designed the FloodNet program and has attacked computer systems owned by the Government of Mexico, the Department of Defense, and the German Stock Exchange. The New York Office has identified the proprietors of EDT to be New York University Graduate Students located in New York, New York.

On November 22, 1998 an electronic attack was launched	L
against the School of Americas, Fort Benning, Georgia. SA	
of the Columbus RA was contacted and he was put in touch	
with FBIHQ, and New York Case Agent	
The local news reported that Actor Marti	
Sheen led 2,300 protesters onto Ft. Benning to protest the Army's	3
School of the Americas, and the Army responded by taking them on	Ĺ
a ride in military buses to a nearby park and letting the	
protesters go free without arrest.	
In that the New York office has identified the members	,
of the EDT within their division, and all Atlanta leads are at	
Ft. Benning, Columbus, Georgia, it is recommended that all futur	е
leads for Ft. Benning be sent to SA of the Columbus	
RA. Atlanta will continue to keep New York apprised of any new	
developments.	

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Precedence: ROUTINE Date: 09/14/1999 SAC, Atlanta To: Atlanta From: Sauad Contact: SA Approved By: b6 b7C Drafted By: :tbf 288-AT-87255 (Closed) Case ID #: Title: UNSUB(S); ELECTRONIC DISTURBANCE THEATER (edt); DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD);

Synopsis: All investigation concerning the above captioned case has been completed, and it is recommended that the case be administratively closed.

CITA-DENIAL OF SERVICE/INTRUSION

Details: On November 22, 1998, an electronic attack was launched against the School of Americas, Fort Benning, Georgia. An entity known as the \*\*Electronic Disturbance Theater\*\*\*, sympathetic to the Zapatista movement, had been calling for civil disobedience actions at the School of Americas on November 22, 1998.

The EDT has a history of carrying out its threats utilizing FloodNet, a denial of service software tool, designed to disrupt access to targeted web sites by flooding the host server with repeated requests for that web page.

The Electronic Disturbance Theater is apparently a group of about five activists and they are believed to be New York University Graduate Students located in New York. Based on the above facts, any information concerning the EDT, is being sent to New York.

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